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Applicant: Turner et al.  
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the present Request for Continued Examination, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: